



October 8, 2023

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

*Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.
The Nursery and Toddler Room are open for children ages 0-5, from 10 to 11 a.m.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"...suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." *Romans 5:3b-5*

PRELUDE

Why We Sing
St. Arbucks Quartet

Kirk Franklin

Someone asked a question
Why do we sing?
When we lift our hands to Jesus
What do we really mean?

I sing because I'm happy
I sing because I'm free
His eye's on the sparrow
That's the reason why I sing

Glory, hallelujah
You're the reason why I sing
Glory, hallelujah
You're the reason why I sing

INTROIT

Awake My Soul
Chancel Choir

Thomas Tallis

CHIMES

WELCOME

Matt Fitzgerald

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God gives strength to the weak

All: When we wait upon the Lord, we will get new strength

One: We will rise up with wings like eagles.

All: We will walk and not get tired. We will run and not become faint.

** Please stand if you are able to do so.*

* HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
3. Crown him the Lord of love; Be - hold his hands and side, Rich
4. Crown him the Lord of years, The po - ten - tate of time, Cre -

how the heaven - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own; A -
rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those he came to save; His
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied; No
- a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee, And
glo - ries now we sing Who died and rose on high, Who
an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy

hail him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died, e - ter - nal life to bring, And lives that death may die.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liz Nickerson

Gracious God, source of all life, Lord of mercy and grace:

We come before you in need of your strength. We are running the race of life and it is tiring. Be present as our rest and pick us up on eagle wings and bring us safely to the finish line. Forgive our missteps as we run. Help us to stay on the course and follow the straight path which leads to your forgiving grace. Train us to follow your example and give us ears to hear and follow Christ's commands. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Today is an "All In" Sunday, which means children stay in worship with their parents. There is no Sunday School today. Activity bags are available in the Narthex for children to work through during the service as well as children's Bibles to read. Children 5 or younger may be taken down to the nursery at any time during the service.

RESPONSE

We Are Marching in the Light of God

v. 1 & 2



1. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God.
2. We are sing - ing in the light of God, we are sing - ing in the light of God.
3. We are pray - ing in the light of God, we are pray - ing in the light of God.
4. We are liv - ing in the light of God, we are liv - ing in the light of God.



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| — | We are | sing - ing in the light of | God. | — | We are sing - ing, | — |
| — | We are | pray - ing in the light of | God. | — | We are pray - ing | — |
| — | We are | liv - ing in the light of | God. | — | We are liv - ing | — |



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| — | Oo, | — | we are | pray - ing in the light of | God. | — |
| — | Oo, | — | we are | liv - ing in the light of | God. | — |

SCRIPTURE

Karen Lyons

I Cor. 9:24-27 (ERV)

You know that in a race all the runners run, but only one runner gets the prize. So run like that. Run to win! All who compete in the games use strict training. They do this so that they can win a prize—one that doesn't last. But our prize is one that will last forever. So I run like someone who has a goal. I fight like a boxer who is hitting something, not just the air. It is my own body I fight to make it do what I want. I do this so that I won't miss getting the prize myself after telling others about it.

* STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.
We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

* RESPONSE

We Are Marching in the Light of God
See previous hymn

vv. 3 & 4

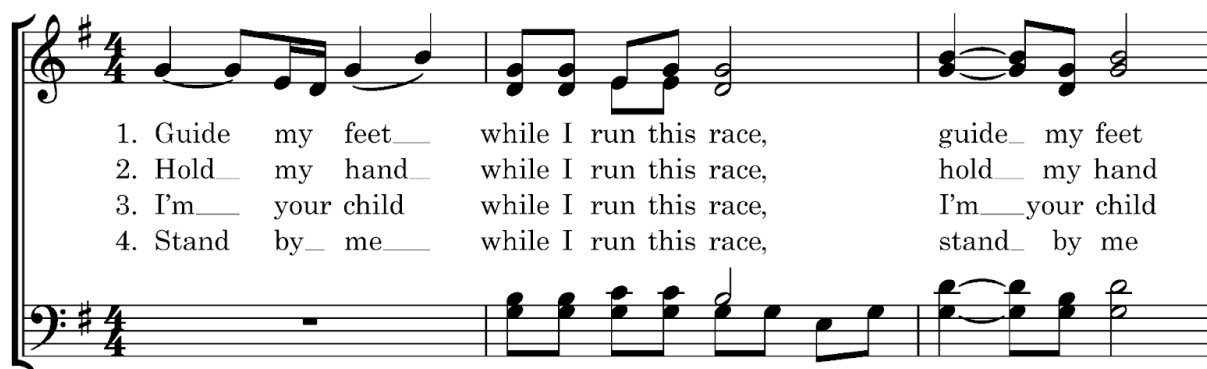
SERMON

"What Race Are You Running?"

Liz Nickerson

* HYMN

Guide My Feet



1. Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand
3. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child
4. Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.



while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.



For I don't want to run this race in vain.

MISSION MOMENT

Refugee One

Mark Pellegrino

OFFERTORY

Jubilate Deo
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
We are his people,
And the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is everlasting,
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Psalm 100

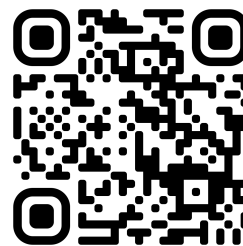
Glory be to the Father;
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
And ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

You can give to St. Pauls electronically:

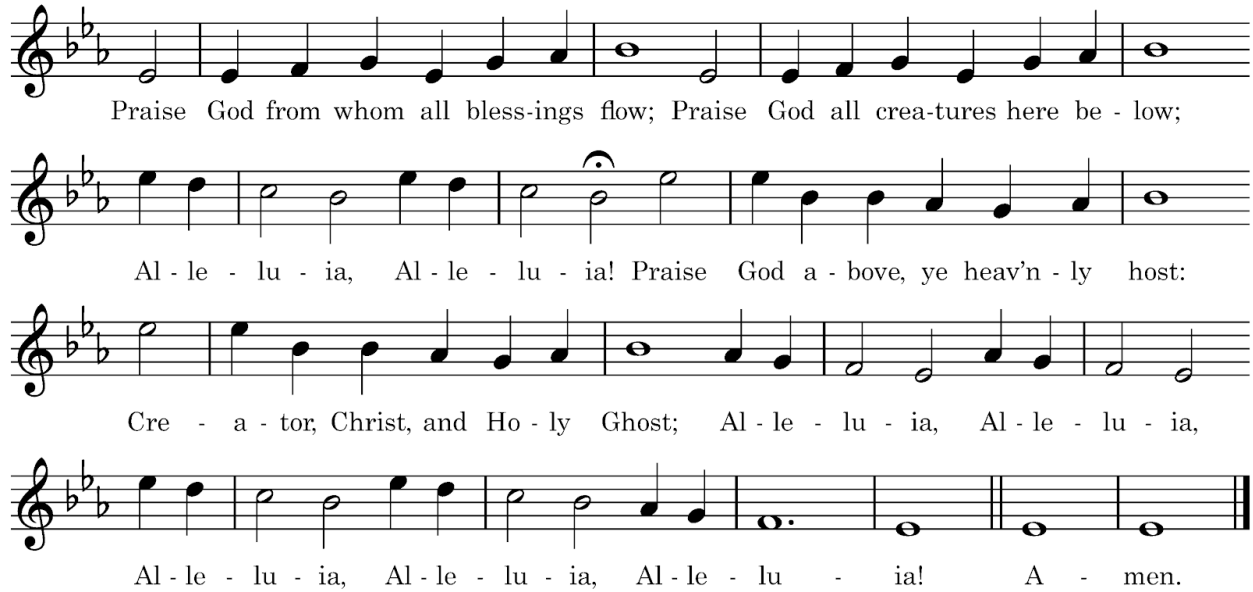
Scan this code with your cell phone camera,

Church Center at spucc.churchcenter.com/giving,

PayPal at spucc.org/paypal, or Zelle to giving@spucc.org.



* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Matt Fitzgerald

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

O God Beyond All Praising



1. O__ God be - yond all prais - ing, We wor - ship you to - day
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, Ac - cept the love we bring,



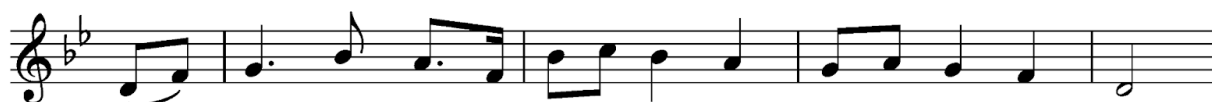
And sing the love a - maz - ing That songs can - not re - pay;
That we who know your fa - vor May serve you as our king;



For__ we can on - ly won - der At__ ev - 'ry gift you send,
And__ wheth - er our to - mor - rows Be__ filled with good or ill,



At__ bless - ings with - out num - ber And mer - cies with - out end:
We'll tri - umph through our sor - rows And rise to bless you still:



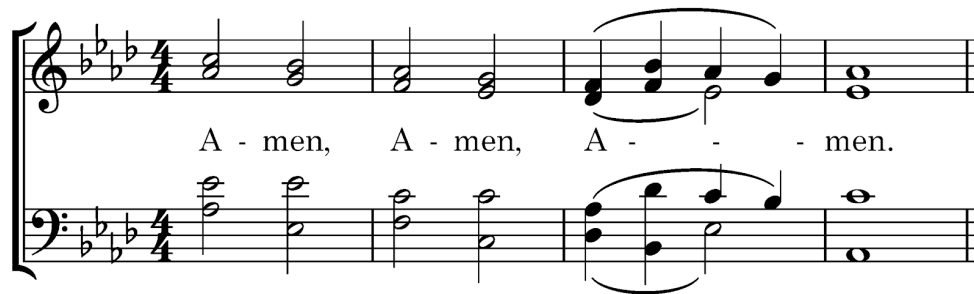
We__ lift our hearts be - fore__ you And wait up - on your word,
To__ mar - vel at your beau - ty And glo - ry in your ways,



We__ hon - or and a - dore you, Our great and might - y Lord.
And make a joy - ful du - ty Our sac - ri - fice of praise.

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune
Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

David German

If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.

Following Worship, all are invited to coffee hour in the Social Hall, directly below the Sanctuary.

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

- Childcare is available for babies and toddlers up to age 5 during worship from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Nursery and Toddler Room, downstairs. Activity “busy bags” are available in the Narthex for children to use during the service.
- SUNDAY SCHOOL & CONFIRMATION have resumed. Students are dismissed with their teachers during the worship service and parents pick up children after the service in their classrooms.
- There is no Sunday School on October 8 (ALL IN ONE SUNDAY)
- Confirmation class fall dates are: October 1, 15, 29; November 19; and December 3.
- High School Sunday School class meets on the first and third Sundays of the month. Fall dates are: October 1, 15; November 5, 19; December 3 and 17. High schoolers meet immediately following the service in the Youth Lounge, downstairs. Parents and teens should join the High School GroupMe for up to date information.

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Clergy: Matt Fitzgerald, Liz Nickerson

Music Director: Kurt R. Hansen

Organist: Kevin Dzierzawski

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

Lay Liturgical Administrator: Kevin O'Brien

Scripture Reader: Karen Lyons

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: David Baker, Doug Clark

Greeters: Blair De Haan, Derek De Haan

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

Camera Operators: Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner

Custodian: Ramiro Gonzalez

BORN THIS WEEK IN OCTOBER

We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.

Oct 8 Karin Magnuson, Alicia Garten

Oct 9 Emily Cittadine, Michael Hotz, Nancy Bingaman, Walter Crowley, Roger
Miller, Ruby Teague

Oct 10 Alec Valadez, Meg Tazelaar

Oct 11 Christine Weil, Mike Stensaas, Rachel Barton Pine, Flynn Lechtenberg,
Catalina Smedley

Oct 12 Shelley Keller, Steve Herrin, Everett Hamm

Oct 13 Alan Iverson, Julia Brizzolara, Julian Rodriguez

Oct 14 Kendra Bultemeier, Maxwell Nagy, Trevor Hafner

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

See our full event calendar online at spucc.churchcenter.com/calendar.

** Events marked with an asterisk are in a non-wheelchair accessible location.*

Contact the church office or group leader for more information.

OCT. 15 - YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH - 11:15 a.m., Courtyard

Come meet new people and have some meaningful conversations. We will walk to a nearby brunch spot, so please RSVP. This is a group for folks in their twenties and thirties. Join our GroupMe group with the QR code or email us at youngadults@spucc.org.



OCT. 15 - PLEDGING & GIVING Q&A - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Following the service next Sunday, the Giving Committee will be available for questions about pledging and giving.

OCT. 17 - RETIREMENT GROUP - 10 a.m., Parlor*

The Retirement Group meets on the third Tuesday of the month. Please join us to discuss our transition paths, ways we found ourselves here, what's meaningful, and what's next with or without planned health, funds or companionship. For more info, contact Marcia Knudson at marciaknudson@gmail.com.

OCT. 20 – HISTORIC UCC GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT INSTALLATION – 4 p.m., Live streamed (registration required). The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson will be installed as the General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ (UCC) on October 20 at Lakewood Congregational Church in Lakewood, OH. She is the UCC's 10th and first female elected General Minister. Previously, Rev. Thompson served the national setting of the UCC for 14 years: two years as minister for racial justice, eight years as minister for ecumenical and interfaith relations, four years as Associate General Minister for Wider Church Ministries and Co-Executive for Global Ministries, beginning in 2019. Register for livestream at tinyurl.com/2wfips2e.

OCT. 24 - LUNCH GROUP: FOOD FOR THE SOUL - 12-1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room

Sponsored by St. Pauls Social. Adults of all ages are invited. Make new friends and connect with old ones with lunch (please bring your own), fellowship, fun, and faith. David Faulkner will be hosting October's Food for the Soul. During this event, we will delve deeper into Ecclesiastes 3, including the musical connection to the '60s! Don't miss it! Just come if it is your first time. Those who have previously attended should please RSVP via the group email reminder. Coming at the last minute is fine, as well as needing to leave early!

NOV. 1 – WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY RETURNS - 12-12:45 p.m., Zoom

Ecclesiastes: A Solitary Book for Solitary People. Ecclesiastes is full of contradictions, because human life is full of contradictions. After years of reflection on life, its writer attempts to hold that reality in balance - all is vanity and yet everything is a gift from God to be enjoyed. Join Pastor Jeff for a deep dive into this enigmatic book. RSVP to Jeff Carlson, jcarlson@spucc.org.

NOV. 18 – WINDY CITY WINDS FALL CONCERT - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band," invites you to our Fall Concert. Internationally acclaimed composer Johan De Meij will guest conduct his *Symphony #1 "The Lord of the Rings"* celebrating the 35th anniversary of this epic and enormously popular work inspired by the books of J.R.R. Tolkien. De Meij will also conduct two of his shorter works, including the *Windy City Overture*. Admission is free and the concert will be live streamed. Audience members can meet the composer and celebrate his 70th birthday at a reception following the concert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CARDS FOR A CAUSE - LITTLE LIGHTS FUNDRAISER

Last day to order! It's time for our annual fundraiser for Little Lights - Cards for a Cause! You can choose between five greeting card boxes with 30-50 greeting cards each for \$30, and Little Lights will receive 40% to help our programs! The cards are beautifully embellished and come with coordinating envelopes. The box itself is sturdy and attractive enough to use for future storage needs. Check out the different card options and view some samples of boxes and cards in person during coffee hour on Sunday! You can place your order at forms.gle/KoTSskXyr1NGrpFE7. Thank you for your support!

WINTER COAT AND BOOT DRIVE

RefugeeOne is gearing up for its annual winter coat and boot drive. During the last three months, RefugeeOne has resettled more people than they did the previous year, so the need is greater this year than ever. The drive runs **until October 21**. There are two ways to donate: online via an Amazon wish list or in person on October 20 and 21. For complete information on the drive, including the link to the Amazon wish list, go to refugeeone.org/donatestuff, or scan the code for the wish list.



JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC

Columbus Day? Columbus Day commemorates the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Efforts have been made in recent decades to change the name of Columbus Day to **Indigenous Peoples' Day** to celebrate the past, present and future of civilizations that were in the U.S. long before Columbus's arrival. It is observed in addition to Columbus Day in 30 states and is a state holiday in three states. Alternatively, many Hispanic countries celebrate **Dia de la Raza** ("Day of the Race") on October 12 to recognize and lift up the cultural fusion of indigenous America and Spanish heritage.

CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team

REDUCE HOLIDAY WASTE

Did you know the holiday season in America generates 25% more trash, plus more food waste, and more emissions than the rest of the year? Oops! In the name of Jesus, we can be careful as we celebrate.

- This holiday season, choose gifts and behaviors with care for God's gift of creation in mind.
- Turn your shopping green by exploring companies that are environmentally focused, give back a percentage of profits to support environmental actions, manifest ethical practices, as well as producing great products that won't end up in a landfill.
- Talk about what you are doing.

PASTORS' SABBATICAL SCHEDULE

St. Pauls provides a three-month sabbatical to each of our pastors every seven years. This year, Pastor Jeff is on sabbatical through October 23. Pastor Matt will be on sabbatical October 16 to December 16.

SPECIAL MUSIC 2023-2024 **"MASS APPEAL"**

Once again, there is a theme for special music during the 2023-2024 season offered by our Chancel Choir during our 10 a.m. Sunday morning worship services. Please add these dates to your calendar and please invite your friends to join us in person or online at spucc.org/streaming.

Mass Appeal is a way to look at one of the oldest forms of Christian liturgical worship in three very different ways. The goal is to share how the words of the liturgical Mass can be expressed in varied musical styles but always with the same goal: expressing the spiritual joy, longing, majesty, and supplication.

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - *St. Francis in the Americas - A Caribbean Mass* composed in 1997 by Glenn McClure. This joyfully rhythmic Mass setting is a perfect expression of the journey from the anticipation of Advent to the birth of Jesus on Christmas. It is accompanied by a steel drum band.

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - *Messe solennelle* by Louis Vierne. This French Romantic setting in Latin was composed for choir and organ in 1899. It showcases beautiful and majestic writing for both choir and a pipe organ with the breadth of colors available on our Phoenix and the talents of Kevin Dzierzawski.

Sunday, May 19, 2024 - *A Gospel Mass* was composed in 1982 by Robert Ray. This wonderful setting, largely in English, marries the spiritual energy and uplift of Gospel music with the timeless words of the Mass ordinary. This gives us a chance to showcase not only the Chancel Choir, but also our incredible St. Arbucks Quartet.

OPPORTUNITIES

ACTIVISM & ADVOCACY MINISTRY – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls Activism & Advocacy Ministry would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, JenniferLKew@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers. There are still many dates available this year! Sign up for 2023 dates at spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1517246.

BASKETBALL – Now on Wednesdays. Join us for a weekly pickup game! All skill levels welcome. Email Pastor Matt to get on the updates list, mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

BIBLE STUDY – Starting again November 1. Weekly on Wednesdays, noon to 1p.m. All are welcome! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, jcarlson@spucc.org.

THE BOOK NOOK – Find your next good read or drop off books to share in the Social Hall. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions, contact Linda Nitzsche, lindanitz@yahoo.com.

CAREGIVERS' GROUP – A caregiving role can be a source of love, joy and considerable stress, but it's easier when it doesn't feel like you're the only one. The St. Pauls Caregivers' Group is an informal support group of people who are responsible for the care of parents, partners, friends, or children with illnesses or disabilities. We gather via Zoom the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. to listen, share, empathize, and encourage. Contact Pam Woll pamelawoll@sbcglobal.net with questions, or Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org to be added to the email list.

CHURCH CENTER – spucc.churchcenter.com is our portal for St. Pauls members and friends. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

CHURCH SCHOOL

God created us to be creative and to create! This is our theme for Church School this year. Each child will learn that they were created in God's own image. They will learn to love and value all people and to love themselves. Please fill out the one-time registration for the '23-'24 school year below. We have a nursery for children under 2, Preschool Child Care for children 2-5, and Sunday School/Confirmation I & II for 5-year-olds to high school. Email questions to Children's Program Coordinator Danielle Mayfield at danielle.mayfield@spucc.org.

Register here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1850397

COMMON PANTRY COMMUNION SUNDAYS – We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - usually the first Sunday of the month. See their wishlist for most-needed items here, commonpantry.org/donations. Modest-sized products are best for distribution (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to a 64 oz. container). Leave items in the Narthex bin.

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Are you looking for a way to get involved with the life of St. Pauls? Join the team that delivers our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. The flower ministry is flexible and meant to be an easy and rewarding experience. Team members sign up for approximately 1 Sunday every 3 months. It is amazing how this simple gesture brings such joy and feelings of love to the recipient – not to mention the joy and love experienced by the deliverer. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please email lilies@spucc.org.

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS – Follow this link for additional information: spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271.

GREEN TEAM – As people of faith, members of St. Pauls are called to “Care for Creation.” To that end, the Green Team is seeking new members, particularly young adults and youth, as we become a Creation Justice church recognized by the UCC. We would love to have you! If you are interested, please contact either of the new interim Green Team co-chairs, Ninon Freeman at nlanda05@yahoo.com or Rick Peterson at rnpeterson2017@gmail.com.

GREETING TEAM – Would you consider being one of our Sunday morning greeters? The ushers and greeters meet in the Narthex at 9:30 a.m. for quick announcements and a prayer. Then, the greeters stand at the church doors to say “Hello!” to folks — greeting attendees with a smile and cheerfulness, while the ushers are inside continuing to welcome attendees and hand out worship bulletins. It’s a great jumping off point to see other ministries and expand your involvement. Contact Madelyn Jansma to learn more: madelynj@live.com.

HANDWORK MEET-UP – If you enjoy handwork, you’re invited to sit together and stitch in community on the first Sunday of the month at our drop-in handwork group. We gather in a corner of the Social Hall for one hour after the worship service. New to handwork? We have expert knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, and sewers to help you get started with a project. We also welcome admirers of handwork should you wish to pull up a chair and join the conversation!

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We have limited spots remaining for the 2023/24 school year. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. If you would like to schedule a tour or have additional questions, contact Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

LPCS VOLUNTEERING – Lincoln Park Community Services has a new volunteer opportunity on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., or 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. You will prepare LPCS-provided lunches for their street outreach program and welcome folks coming for drop-in services. To learn more about this program, contact volunteer coordinator Lynne Brenan at lynnebrenan@yahoo.com or (630) 542-7012. Learn more here: tinyurl.com/4sfbcmpx.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES – Join pastors, members, and others curious about St. Pauls for an upcoming New Member Class. Together we'll talk about faith and our community, and we'd love for you to be part of the conversation! We'll meet after worship, and childcare will be provided as needed (please let us know in your registration). See upcoming dates here: spucc.org/new_member_classes

PICKLEBALL – Have you tried the growing sport of Pickleball yet? We hold pick-up games in the St. Pauls gym every week. Sign up at the Church Center link below and show up at one of the allotted times! We have spare paddles and balls. All skill levels are invited. If you have questions, call or text Steve Garrett at (312) 208-0636. Game Times: Tuesdays: 5:30-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3:45 p.m.
spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball

POP TAB PROGRAM: RONALD McDONALD HOUSE CHARITY – Help support the Ronald McDonald Charities by saving aluminum tabs from all kinds of cans: soda, canned foods, pet food, etc. Find a container and start collecting. Bring your pop tab donations to the Social Hall and add them to our collection bin. This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce young children to helping others and recycling. Little things like pop tabs can make a big difference!

SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here: spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1508612.

ST. PAULS SOCIAL – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com. Subscribe to the distribution list below, or look out for future events in the bulletin calendar: spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/st-pauls-social.

SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster) meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at cindyball11@gmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS – If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

YOUNG ADULTS – A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. Join our GroupMe group with the QR code or email us at youngadults@spucc.org.



YOUTH & FAMILY NEWSLETTER – Make sure you stay in the know with youth events! A weekly email is sent to parents to share activities, including Sunday School lessons and other useful news. Please contact Erin Fitzgerald at erin.fitzgerald@spucc.org to be added to the list.

YOUTH CHOIRS – If your child has any interest in music, please join us! Kecia Waldschmidt is leading Paul's People for 4th-8th graders. Breanna Coe and Karen Johnson are leading the Children's Choir for kids K-3rd grade. Rehearsals are 9:30 on Sunday mornings during the school year.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send announcements for St. Pauls-sponsored events to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Wednesdays, for publication in the Friday email and next Sunday bulletin. You are welcome to share personal announcements and other event invitations in our Facebook Group, St. Pauls Together.
Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you!

TODAY'S MUSIC

Our prelude, *Someone Asked a Question-Why We Sing* was written in 1993 and features both text and music by Kirk Franklin (b. 1970). Mr Franklin also pays homage in this song to the historic hymn text *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*. He also has brought a new and contemporary edge to gospel music by adding the energy of hip-hop.

Awake My Soul employs a text written in 1695 by Thomas Ken (1637-1711) from his *Morning Hymn*. Ken was an English clergyman and chaplain of Winchester College. The tune name, TALLIS' CANON, takes its name from the famous composer of the Elizabethan Renaissance Thomas Tallis (1505-1585). He composed this canon in 1561. A canon is the correct musical term for a "round," similar to the children's song *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*.

Crown Him With Many Crowns was a text composed in 1851 by Matthew Bridges (1800-1894). He was born in England, lived in Quebec, and wrote many hymn texts

in both English and German. This hymn also has an “alterer,” Godfrey Thring (1823-1903), who altered Bridges original text slightly in 1871 to the familiar text we know. The tune, DIADEMATA, was composed in 1868 by George P. Elvey (1816-1893) specifically for this text. He became the organist for St. George’s Chapel at Windsor Castle.

We Are Marching in the Light of God is the most popular and internationally known of all the music from South Africa’s apartheid era. The tune, SIYAHAMBAH, takes its name from the first word in the original Swahili. We can appreciate it as a South African version of *We Shall Overcome*. Both the text and tune are described as “traditional.” The English translation is by Anders Nyberg (b. 1955), a Swedish composer, who transcribed the melody as well for its first publication in the West in a Swedish hymnal in 1980. From that start, this joyful song gained worldwide popularity.

Guide My Feet is another uplifting spiritual from the African American tradition. It is one of the many songs sung by marchers during the civil rights movement in the 1960s. SIYAHAMBAH and *Guide My Feet* are perfect foils for each other in terms of their message and musical swing. The believer asks God to guide them on the path of life.

The setting of ***Jubilate Deo***, Psalm 100, was composed in 1961 by Benjamin Britten (1913-1976). It was composed at the request of Prince Phillip, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh, for St George’s Chapel, Windsor Castle. It was requested to be sung at his 80th and 90th birthdays and also at his funeral in 2021. The organ part seeks to imitate the harmonics of bells, and the choral parts are a dialogue between sections that urge each other to praise God. These outbursts of joy are contrasted with hushed portions describing the qualities of graciousness and mercy. The exuberance has a Christmas-like joy.

O God Beyond All Praising is by Gustav Holst (1874–1934). The tune is called THAXTED, which is the main theme of the Jupiter movement from Holst’s *The Planets*. It is truly a majestic hymn. Thaxted is the village where Holst grew up. It was Ralph Vaughan Williams that adapted “Thaxted” as a hymn. The author of our text is Michael A. Perry (1942–1996). He began studies as a physicist and changed to theology.

The ***Festive Trumpet Tune*** was composed by David German (b. 1954) for his own wedding ceremony. He was Organist/Choir Master at Calvary Church in Charlotte, NC, from 1983 until the mid-1990s. It is by far his most performed work.

ST. PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.

Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Sister-in-law of Gloria Joseph, dealing with a cancer diagnosis.
- Leslie, sister of Mary Stainton, diagnosed with a brain tumor.
- Cheryl Kennedy, recovering from a heart attack.
- Family and friends at the death of Bob Knuti.
- Thomas Wikman, beloved conductor and founder of Music of the Baroque, who has entered hospice care.
- Students and staff of the GCE school in Chicago, which recently closed.
- LeeAnne Tongue.
- Friends and family of Bo at his death.
- Leroy Johnson, husband of Karen L. Johnson, in the hospital diagnosed with acute leukemia.
- New member Irem Metin, who is recovering from surgery. Please keep Irem, her husband William, and sons Aidan and Benjamin in your prayers.
- Sarah and her children, Emma and Jack, at the loss of their husband/father in an accident.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

ABOUT ST. PAULS

Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

St. Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open and Affirming" of LGBTQ+ people.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 179 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to LGPTQ+ people.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.

